

Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare

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Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Information for Providers

Attention Providers

Providers are encouraged to check the Medicaid Web site weekly at dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/. Some late-breaking *Updates* may not have been included in this *Update Summary*.

Temporary Claim Submission Procedures Extended to May 15 for Medicare Part D Dual Eligibles

To: Blood Banks, Dispensing Physicians, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Pharmacies, Rural Health Clinics, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Due to continuing problems with Medicare Part D, Wisconsin Medicaid is extending the temporary procedures for reimbursement described in the February 2006 *Update* (2006-18), titled "Wisconsin Medicaid Extends Temporary Claims Submission Procedures for Medicare Part D Dual Eligibles." These temporary procedures are effective for dates of service from January 13, 2006, through May 15, 2006, if reasonable attempts are made to submit a claim to a dual eligible's Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan.

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Changes to Forward Cards

To: All Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Beginning spring 2006, there will be minor changes to Forward cards that are newly issued.

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Requirements for Therapy Evaluations and Re-Evaluations Provided During Outpatient Hospital Specialty Clinic Visits

To: Outpatient Hospital Therapy Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

The changes to reimbursement rates and program requirements for outpatient hospital physical therapy (PT), occupational therapy (OT), and speech and language pathology (SLP) services (as indicated in the December 2005 *Update* [2005-74], titled "Changes to Reimbursement and Program Requirements for Outpatient Hospital Therapy Services") do not affect PT, OT, and SLP evaluations and re-evaluations provided during an outpatient hospital specialty clinic visit.

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School-Based Services Cost Reporting System

To: School-Based Services Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

This *Update* provides information about the following:

- A reminder about school-based services cost reports and interim contract rates that will be established for the 2005-2006 school year.
- A reminder about required enrollment in the Medicaid Administrative Claiming program and completion of time studies that are required as a result of cost reporting.
- A revised School-Based Services Terms of Reimbursement.

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Claims Submission for Durable Medical Equipment Dispensed by an Outpatient Hospital Provider

To: Outpatient Hospital Therapy Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

The changes to reimbursement rates and program requirements for outpatient hospital physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech and language pathology services (as indicated in the December 2005 *Update* [2005-74], titled "Changes to Reimbursement and Program Requirements for Outpatient Hospital Therapy Services") do not affect claims submission requirements for durable medical equipment (DME) dispensed by an outpatient hospital provider, which includes DME dispensed during an emergency room visit.

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Procedure Code Changes for Therapy Services

To: Nursing Homes, Occupational Therapists, Outpatient Hospital Therapy Providers, Physical Therapists, Rehabilitation Agencies, Speech and Hearing Clinics, Speech-Language Pathologists, Therapy Groups, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2006, Wisconsin Medicaid has updated physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech and language pathology procedure codes to reflect the 2006 *Current Procedural Terminology* code changes.

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What's New on the Medicaid and BadgerCare Web Sites

To: All Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

The Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Web sites include provider and recipient publications, contacts and statistics, and eligibility and benefit information.

Providers may visit the Medicaid Web site at dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/. The BadgerCare Web site is located at dhfs.wisconsin.gov/badgercare/.

The following is a list of recently added information:

- Monthly BadgerCare enrollment statistics.
- Monthly caseload statistics.
- May 2006 *Update* articles.
- Fee schedules.
- Additional Outpatient Hospital Therapy FAQs.
- Medicaid Pharmacy home page:
 - ✓ Brand Medically Necessary Drugs That Require Prior Authorization.
 - ✓ Legend Drug Maximum Allowed Cost List.
 - ✓ Diagnosis-Restricted Drugs.
 - ✓ Revised Preferred Drug List and implementation schedule.

Pharmacy providers are reminded that Wisconsin Medicaid no longer routinely mails revisions to the data tables on CD or paper. Changes and additions to the data tables will be available on the Medicaid Web site or by calling Provider Services.

For those providers without Internet access, many libraries have access available.

Changes to Repairs and Rentals of Augmentative Communication Devices

To: Home Health Agencies, Medical Equipment Vendors, Pharmacies, Rehabilitation Agencies, Speech and Hearing Clinics, Speech-Language Pathologists, Therapy Groups, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Effective for dates of service on and after April 1, 2006, Wisconsin Medicaid is changing program requirements for the repair and rental of augmentative communication devices.

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"A Guide to Obtaining Augmentative Communication Devices and Accessories Through Wisconsin Medicaid" Revised

To: Federally Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Individual Medical Supply Providers, Inpatient Hospital Providers, Medical Equipment Vendors, Nursing Homes, Outpatient Hospital Providers, Pharmacies, Physician Clinics and Physicians, Rehabilitation Agencies, Rural Health Clinics, School-Based Services Providers, Speech and Hearing Clinics, Speech-Language Pathologists, Therapy Groups, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

"A Guide to Obtaining Augmentative Communication Devices and Accessories Through Wisconsin Medicaid" has been revised to include the latest policy information.

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Hospice Reimbursement Rate Changes

To: Hospice Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Wisconsin Medicaid hospice service reimbursement rates will change effective for dates of service on and after October 1, 2005.

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